## WCSA Funding Proposal Form

Any Westmont student, faculty or staff member is eligible to submit a funding request to WCSA. WCSA strives to utilize its budget to meet the needs of our campus and our student body. Past proposals have included funding the purchase of fruit trees for the Westmont garden and partnering with the library to provide coffee and snacks during finals week. Funds have also supported student initiated events such as film festivals and movie screenings.

Each proposal is examined by WCSA. Then, WCSA will vote on whether to approval the proposal. You will be notified by e-mail regarding the decision on your funding proposal generally within two weeks.

## Guidelines:

Be thorough in filling out the funding proposal form. Please provide as much detail as possible regarding the purpose of the request and funding desired. Failure to do so may result in a delay.

Funding proposals need to be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to request need or event. Funding proposals outside of this time frame may still be submitted but are they are unlikely to be approved.

If you are requesting funds for a campus event, please complete the event proposal form on the Campus Life Office website prior to completing a WCSA funding proposal. All events must be approved and sponsored by a campus department or student organization prior to receiving funding.

You are highly encouraged to come to clarify the purpose of your funding proposal at the meeting following your request submission. This is to prevent any delays in funding your request.

If your funding proposal is approved, it is imperative that you present WCSA the receipts of your purchases. Failure to produce receipts could result in WCSA concluding to suspend an individual's or organization's ability to request funding.

Please see the WCSA Website (<a href="https://www.westmont.edu/student-life/campus-activities/westmont-college-student-association">https://www.westmont.edu/student-life/campus-activities/westmont-college-student-association</a>) for FAQs.

## Westmont College Mission Statement:

Westmont College is an undergraduate, residential, Christian, liberal arts community serving God's kingdom by cultivating thoughtful scholars, grateful servants and faithful leaders for global engagement

with the academy, church and world.

**WCSA Mission Statement:** 

WCSA is the voice that represents the diverse views, beliefs, needs, and desires of our student body. We seek to unify faculty, staff, administration, and students by promoting communication and initiating change at Westmont College.

Group Name *  Residence life (GLC)
Contact Person *  Zab Potter
Contact Email * zpotter@westmont.edu
Project Name *  Mental Health: Stories, Spirituality, and Awareness
Department Affiliation *  Psychology, religious studies

Proposal Date *	
MM DD YYYY	
09 / 14 / 2021	
Project Date *	
MM DD YYYY	
09 / 29 / 2021	
Is the event open to the entire student body? *	
Yes	
No	
Has your group submitted a funding proposal before? *	
Yes	
<ul><li>No</li></ul>	

If yes, when?	

Describe the nature of your project (Target population, number of students involved, length of project, etc.) \*

We are putting on an event for GLC and OV students in conjunction with Resident Life's educational program for the month of September, Mindful Wellness, and the survey responses of many GLC students that requested that we address mental health as a hall. We are hoping to have around 100 students (GLC + OV) as well as some faculty. This will take place Wednesday 9/29 from 8:30-10 pm.

What do you hope to achieve with this project? \*

We hope that students will feel the freedom to be honest and open about their mental health, especially in a Christian setting where mental health can be stigmatized and have the tendency to be overspiritualized. We want to explore the relationship between spirituality, church, and mental health. We also hope that this will be a time, since we are also opening the event to all faculty members, for there to be space to pursue mutual understanding when it comes to engaging with students' (and professors'!) mental health. With donuts, gluten free snacks, tea, hot chocolate, and wellness bags, we hope to help foster an atmosphere where people feel safe and heard.

How much money are you requesting from WCSA? Please provide an itemized budget (item, price, and total amount). \*

18 dozen Krispy Kreme donuts, \$200 Hot chocolate, \$20 Tea, \$9 Tiny coloring books, \$60 Crayons, \$20 Stress balls, \$70 Total, \$379

We're also wondering about including a few surprise gift cards (like Blenders, Dart, etc) in some bags, if that's possible?

How does your project relate to the mission of the college and WCSA? (Mission statements are at the top of this form) \*

Our project resonates deeply with WCSA's mission to unify staff, faculty, and students "by promoting communication" in the hopes of fostering mutual support and understanding, so that students may thrive but also have the freedom to be honest with professors when they're not doing as well. This fits into the broader mission of the college by cultivating grateful servants and faithful leaders who are willing to admit we don't have it all together (and likely never will), and who are willing to take that extra next step of confessing that to ourselves and each other, and seek help when we need it. Faithful leaders don't operate alone and don't have endless stores of energy from which to give.

Payment Logistics (provide who to pay and the account #) \*

GLC, 11-54800

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